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LIBYAN "PLOT" AND AFTERMATH

1. EVENING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR EGYPT, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI DELIVERED THREE-HOUR "FACE THE NATION" ADDRESS ON NATIONWIDE TV AND RSDIO JULY 12. SINCE ITS LENGTH MAY PRECLUDE FBIS MONITORING, FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTION DEVOTED TO ABORTIVE COUP.

2. LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT: NIMEIRI CLAIMED HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN KILLED ON LANDING BY "ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS PROVIDED BY THE LIBYAN LEADERSHIP." LIBYAN TRUCKS HAD MOVED FROM JEBEL UWAYNAT IN LIBYA JUNE 25 TO "ABU AUROON AREA " (PRESUMABLY AL ATRUN RASIS AT 26.50E, 18.20N) AND THENCE TO AREA WEST OF OMDURMAN BY DAWN JULY 2. "INSANE QADDAFI" SUCCEEDED WHERE ISRAEL FAILED BY CONVERTING OCTOBER MILITARY VICTORY INTO AN ARAB POLITICAL DEFEAT. EGYPT IS NOT CONFRONTING ISRAEL ALONE BUT ALSO QADDAFI. QADDAFI HAD PROMISED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF
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SUCCESSFUL COUP LEADERS SOONEST. RE SOUTHERN SUDAN, THERE

IS LIBYAN PLAN IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL FRONT TO CONTROL SOUTH OSTEMCIBLY IN ORDER FREE IT FROM "INFLUENCE OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES".

DOMESTIC PLOTTING: NIMEIRI FRANKLY ASKED HOW FOREIGN INVASION COULD SO SURPRISE GOS AND WHERE WERE THE RESPONSIBLE SUDANESE SECURITY ORGANS. HE HIMSELF HAD ASKED QADDAFI ABOUT TRAINING CAMPS AND REMEMBERS LEADER'S "EXACT WORDS" AS FOLLOWS: "I WOULD NEVER BETRAY YOU...THE CAMPS CONTAIN PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING THE SUDAN, TO LIBERATE PALESTINE AND THEY ARE TRAINED FOR THIS PURPOSE". SO IT "NEVER CROSSED BY MIND", CONTINUED NIMEIRI, THAT "ONE COUNTRY WOULD INVADE ANOTHER USING MERCENARIES" EVEN THOUGH GOS WAS WWARE OF LIBYAN PLOTTING AT TIME MAY 25 ANNIVERSARY. SUBSEQUENTLY, GOS RECEIVED REPORTS INDICATING NATIONAL FRONT AND MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD PLANNING TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN ORDER "ABORT THE ECONOMIC RESULTS OF MY VISIT TO USA AND FRANCE." SECURITY FORCES WERE ALERTED BUT JULY 1 ZERO PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

IMPLIED SOVIET CONNECTION: WITHOUT MENTIONING USSR BY NAME, NIMEIRI CLAIMED LIBYANS "PROMISED TO GUARANTEE THE RECOGNITION OF A MAJOR POWER". NIMEIRI ALSO NOTED MOST CAPTURED EQUIPMENT IS SOVIET-MADE. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT "SUPPLY BY A GREAT POWER TO THE LIBYAN LEADERSHIP OF ARMS IN QUANTITIES THAT EXCEED ITS NEEDS CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO AREA SECURITY AND THIS PROVED RIGHT ... WE ARE NOT BLAMING ANYONE EXCEPT THOSE WHOSE BLOODY HAND MURDERED OUR PEOPLE BUT WE DO SAY THAT THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE WEAPONS USED DID PARTICIPATE INDIRECTLY IN THE MURDERS".

SECURITY COUNCIL: NIMEIRI NOTED GOS WOULD NOT ASK UNSC TO CONDEMN THE LIBYAN REGIME BUT WOULD URGE AND INVESTIGATION MISSION BE SENT TO VIEW "THE REMAINS OF THE LIBYAN INVASION". SUDAN DECLARES TO THE WORLD, HEISAID, THAT IT WILL NOT TURN A DEAF EAR TO OUTSIDE PLOTTING AND "WILL RESERVE FOR ITSELF OUR RIGHT TO CHASE THE DANGEROUS INSTIGATORS EVEN INSIDE LIBYAN BORDERS".
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